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Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed April 24, 2006, for which a petition is submitted to extend time for 1 month from July 24, 2006 to August 24, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.